THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Government of India had held four rounds of talks with the delegation of All Party Hurriyat Conference (A) as per details given below:

Date	Place	Talks heldwith
January 22, 2004	New Delhi	Deputy Prime Minister
March 27, 2004	New Delhi	Deputy Prime Minsiter
September 5, 2005	New Delhi	Prime Minister
May 3, 2006	New Delhi	Prime Minister

(c) and (d) The all Party Hurriyat Conference (A) did not submit any proposal either during these talks or later.

Children joining Naxalites by force

1704. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxalites are forcing children to join them; and

(b) how many such cases have come to the notice of Government and the action taken to stop this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per information available, the naxalites recruit children in the age group of about 12 to 14 years from time to time. In Bihar and Jharkhand, children are enrolled in 'Bal Dasta'. In Chhattisgarh and Orissa, children's squad is known as 'Bal Sangham'. 'Bal Sangham' of the CPI (Maoist) in Orissa has been banned by the State Government.

Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various aspects/issues connected with naxalite and criminal activities in a State primarily lies in the domain of the concerned State Government. Registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, including crime against children, is undertaken by the concerned State Government. The Central Government supplements the efforts and resources of the State Government by various means, which include deployment of Central paramilitary force to assist the State police forces, assistance for strengthening of the State police and intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police force, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance for development through a range of schemes of various Ministries, including Centrally-sponsored schemes for women and child development.

Furnishing of property details by Union Ministers

†1705. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all Union Ministers are required to furnish the details of their property to the Prime Minister up to the end of every financial year under the code of conduct;

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(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above code of conduct has not been adhered to inspite of the present Government completing three years of its constitution;

(d) if not, the details in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken so far to ensure compliance of this code of conduct?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK-RAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Code of Conduct, Ministers of the Union are required to furnish annually by the 31st March to the Prime Minister, a declaration regarding his/her assets and liabilities.

(c) to (e) As per the available information, Ministers of the Union have, in terms of the Code of Conduct, been furnishing the requisite details. In cases, where the furnishing of details may have been delayed, reminders are issued.

Crime cases against children

†1706. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of crime against children have been continuously increasing in the country during recent years;

(b) if not, the number of cases fo kidnapping, rape of children and child-abuse occurred during 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and the first six months of 2007-08; and

(c) the States which have registered minimum and maximum number of such offences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK-RAO GAVIT): (a) As per the statistics complied by the National Crime Records Bureau, a total of 14423, 14975 adn 18967 cases of crime against children were reported during 2004 to 2006 respectively thereby showing an increasing trend.

(b) Data is complied by National Crime Records Bureau Calender year basis. The number of cases of kidnapping, and rape of children in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 (upto available months) are as below:

	2004	2005	2006*	2007*
Kidnapping	3196	4026	4721	1699
Rape of Children	3542	3518	5102	Not Available

(*Provisional)

Data on child abuse is not complied by National Crime Records Bureau.

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